

## FAST IN THE SAND NEAR FIRE ISLAND.

Steamer Lamington Rushes on  
the Bar Under a Full  
Head of Steam.

Is Beaten by the Waves All Night  
and Driven on the  
Inner Bar.

CREW SAVED BY THE BREECHES BUOY.

Observation Impossible, but a Sonnding  
Showing Thirty Fathoms the Captain  
Ordered Full Speed—Report  
That He Was Drunk.

The fruit steamship Lamington, from  
Mediterranean ports for New York, lies  
in the sand off Fire Island, and is likely to  
wreck. Her crew of twenty-three men  
were rescued by the life saving crew of  
Patchogue, Lower Hill and Blue Point, who  
accomplished heroic work with the  
breeches buoy. Two Russian passengers,  
whose names are unknown, were brought  
ashore in the same manner.

The captain, first and second officers and  
three engineers remain on board. The  
hope that the ship will be blown into  
the open sea, and that the crew will be  
rescued, is the only hope. The ship is  
in a perilous position, and the crew is  
in a state of great anxiety.

The vessel went ashore in a dense fog,  
just after 7 p. m. Tuesday night. A heavy  
sea was on at the time and when the vessel  
struck the outer bar, which at that  
point is 300 yards from the shore, wave  
after wave broke over her, the large seas  
at times mounting as high as her smoke-  
stack. Her lights and signal guns attracted  
the life savers' attention at once, but  
the sea was too heavy to warrant any at-  
tempt to rescue her.

FORCED OVER THE OUTER BAR.  
A line shot to her at night became en-  
tangled in the rigging and was not dis-  
covered until dawn. Within a few minutes  
after striking the vessel was pounded over  
the outer bar by the force of the sea, and  
finally rested with her bow well up on the  
inner bar between 150 and 200 yards from  
shore. Signals were continued all night,  
but the life savers found it impossible to  
communicate with the vessel and attempts  
to adjust the life line were abandoned until  
dawn.

The fog hung heavily over the shore, and  
the work was carried on with the greatest  
difficulty. Between 7 and 8 o'clock Tues-  
day morning the breeches buoy was  
rigged, and a few minutes after 8 the first  
passenger, a boy, was landed. A mighty  
cheer went up for him from the life savers  
and the score or more of baymen who from  
Bellport, Patchogue and Babylon, had hur-  
ried to the wreck.

The boy, who was brought ashore  
at the rate of four an hour, saved none  
of his effects except their tobacco. Many  
of them were drenched to the skin by the  
waves, but they clung to their precious  
plugs, and took them with them to the  
life saving stations, where they were kindly  
cared for.

HAD ON FULL STEAM.  
The Lamington went ashore under a full  
head of steam, and Captain Duff, her mas-  
ter, has not yet been visible on deck, nor  
has he given any excuse for going at full  
headway in the dense fog on a dangerous  
coast.

James Brady, who said he was shipped  
to New York by the American Consul at  
London, saw the Captain was drunk. He  
said that after the Captain had reported  
thirty fathoms at 4 o'clock Tuesday after-  
noon, he told Brady that at the rate the  
steamer was going they would strike land.  
The Captain paid no heed to Brady's  
warnings. The sailors would neither af-  
firm nor deny Brady's statement.

Samuel Wright, who boarded the vessel  
representing the United States customs  
authorities, found the deck in charge of  
the mate, Morris Baker, of the life sav-  
ing crew, who was the only other person to  
go on board, did not see the Captain.

The Lamington sailed from Newport,  
England, November 22 with coal for  
Venice, Italy. After cruising around the  
Mediterranean she took on a load of fruit  
at Valencia. They had a good passage  
and would have reached New York on  
scheduled time but for the accident. Cap-  
tain Duff had not taken any observations  
for four days on account of foggy weather.  
At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he heaved  
the lead and found thirty fathoms of  
water. He then gave the order to go  
ahead at full steam, thinking that he  
was about 150 miles from New York. They  
struck the outer bar with terrible force,  
the ship trembling from stem to stern  
from the shock. Steam was shut off, but  
it was too late.

STORM WOULD DESTROY HER.  
The vessel now lies with her bow firmly  
imbedded in the sand, and her stern pro-  
truding on the outer bar. A severe storm  
would break her in two, as was the fate of  
the fruit-laden steamer Gerat Western,  
which went ashore two years ago but a  
short distance from where the Lamington  
is now lying. Oranges were then strewn  
over the beach for miles, and the cyrenes  
of the Great South Bay are anticipating  
such a fate for the Lamington's cargo.

The place where the Lamington lies is  
well termed the "ship graveyard." The  
brig Harry Oray ran ashore there and be-  
came a total wreck. A near neighbor to  
the Lamington last night was all that is  
left of the big iron steamship Gluckauf.  
It is nearly three years now since the  
Gluckauf poked her nose into the sands at  
Fire Island, and since then she has suc-  
cessfully baffled all the efforts of the  
wreckers to float her. Just before dawn on  
the morning of March 24, the Gluckauf,  
groping her way blindly along the cat in  
a thick snow squall, struck on the outer  
bar, opposite the Blue Point Life-Saving  
Station. The Gluckauf was bound to this  
port under charter to the Standard Oil  
Company.

At the time of the disaster strange sto-  
ries were circulated as to its cause. The  
steamer was insured for \$200,000 in Ger-  
man companies. Soon after the vessel  
struck a severe storm blew up, and the  
unfortunate vessel was driven high and dry  
on the beach close to the Blue Point life  
saving station. Wreckers from this city  
made every effort to save her, but she  
was finally abandoned to her fate. Her  
crew were brought to this city, and there-  
after the Gluckauf became the prey of relic-  
tars.

At the time of her stranding the Gluck-  
auf was in a fast. As soon as it became

known that she was abandoned, visitors  
from all along the Long Island coast jour-  
neyed to Blue Point and succeeded in  
stripping her of everything that was worth  
taking. She now lies there a valueless  
derelict, and it will probably be many  
years before her bones fall to pieces on the  
sand.

LAMINGTON A STANCH CRAFT.  
The Lamington is an iron, screw steam-  
ship of 1,886 tons gross register. She is re-  
corded as "106611" at Lloyd's, and is con-  
sidered one of the best of the cheaper class  
of vessels now trading to this port. She  
is commanded by Captain T. W. Duff, and  
is his first visit to this port in this  
vessel. She has the following cargo from  
Mediterranean ports: 1,900 tons of currants,  
828 cases of oranges, 200 cases of onions  
and four ponies. The latter are in charge  
of a keeper.

The Lamington was built by R. Duncan  
& Sons, of Glasgow, and was launched in  
August, 1881. She is owned by Reuben &  
Verel, of Glasgow, and is of the following  
dimensions: Length, 274 feet; breadth, 37  
feet; depth, 23.2 feet.

THE RETALIATION BILL.  
Senate Committee of the Whole Reports  
the Husted Insurance Measure  
Favorably.

Albany, Feb. 5.—Mr. Husted's reciprocity  
insurance bill involving retaliation, which  
passed the Assembly yesterday, came up  
to-day in the Committee of the Whole.  
Senator Loxow in the chair. Numerous  
amendments were offered, but all were  
lost, and it was finally decided to report  
the bill favorably to the Senate, which was  
done, and the bill was ordered to a third  
reading.

Among the amendments offered were the  
following: By Senator Humphreys, limit-  
ing the provisions of the bill to fire in-  
surance companies; by Senator Brackett,  
requiring that competent evidence should  
be adduced before the action contemplated

## ROENTGEN'S RAY NOT COSTLY AFTER ALL.

Professor Pupin, of Columbia,  
Obtained It with a Simple  
Apparatus.

By Means of His Vacuum It Will  
Be Within the Reach of Nearly  
Every Physician.

MAY FIND FLAWS IN ARMOR PLATES.

Great Thicknesses Can Easily Be Pen-  
etrated by the New Ray if the Ex-  
posure to It Lasts for a  
Sufficient Time.

The experiments of Professor Michael  
I. Pupin, of Columbia College, have re-  
sulted in the discovery that the Roentgen  
X ray photographs can be produced by the  
aid of any ordinary static electrical in-  
strument and are thus within the reach of  
almost every physician.

Professor Pupin arrived at this conclu-  
sion yesterday after several experiments  
with currents decreasing in activity until  
he reached the point which is about the  
standard of the static instruments and ob-  
tained just as good results from it as  
from the most powerful current. Another  
important discovery which brings this new  
and mysterious science still closer to the  
mass of experimenters is the fact that the  
expensive Crooke's tubes which were be-  
lieved to be indispensable in producing  
the desired results, may be dispensed with  
and a cheaper and stronger vacuum tube

leather; the rim and other metallic por-  
tions of the spectacles showed quite plain-  
ly, but most distinct of all was the glass.  
GOT ONLY A SILHOUETTE.

"Another experiment was with a hand-  
Many negatives taken heretofore, have  
shown the bones of the hand with great  
distinctness. For a change, I under-ex-  
posed the hand; that is, I exposed it to the  
action of the film for about fifteen minutes.  
The result was that a silhouette-like picture  
was produced.

"Now, this I take to be very significant.  
It indicates that 'x ray' acts upon objects  
in a chemical manner, eating its way  
through them, as it were, like acid. What  
practical use the discovery of this new  
property of the ray may be turned to I am  
not yet prepared to say. But it cannot but  
be useful to know that it possesses this  
property, for the better we become ac-  
quainted with any force, the more likely  
we are to discover new channels of useful-  
ness for it. I believe, judging from the ac-  
tual property of the 'x ray,' that it is  
able to penetrate great thicknesses of sub-  
stance, such as, for instance, armor plates.  
All that it requires is a sufficient length  
of exposure. Its usefulness may thus be in-  
estimable as a detector of defects in steel  
plates intended for battleships and cruisers.

"One of the most curious of my experi-  
ences to-day was with an aluminum cigar  
rette box. I put three iron nails into the  
box, closing the two ends so tight that the  
nails were held in place. Each of the  
films was one-sixteenth of an inch thick.

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## CUBA'S FRIENDS GAIN ONE POINT.

Resolution Recognizing Neu-  
trality Introduced in the  
Senate.

A Substitute Proposed by the Com-  
mittee on Foreign Relations  
Which May Pass.

SPAIN HAS BUT HERSELF TO BLAME.

Having Intimated That She Would Refuse  
to Recognize the Insurgents, More  
Vigorous Language Is  
Now Used.

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